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REPRODUCING APPARATUS)
HAVING A SERVO CONTROL UNIT)
:) July 18, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of non-U.S. patents are enclosed. These documents were cited in a Japanese Office action dated June 12, 2007 and mailed on June 19, 2007 in a Japanese counterpart application.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language documents can be found in the attached English-language Abstracts thereof.

In addition, Japanese Laid-open Appln. No. 2000-311361 is understood to be relevant because it is understood to disclose that a servo gain is changed in accordance with the rotation frequency of a disk, and more specifically, when the rotation frequency is low, a gain is increased. The U.S. Patent No. 6,687,202 is understood to correspond to this document.

Japanese Laid-open Appln. No. 2000-207758 is understood to be relevant because it is understood to disclose the changing of a gain of feedforward control in accordance with the rotation frequency of a disk.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,687,202	02/03/2004	Watanabe	369	44.34	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2002-117615	04/19/2002	Japan			Abstract
		2001-344774	12/14/2001	Japan			Abstract
		2000-311361	11/07/2000	Japan			Abstract
		2000-207758	07/28/2000	Japan			Abstract
		08-030986	02/02/1996	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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